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Kids 'n Kinship

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Spring 2011 Newsletter

Spring Event and Volunteer Appreciation

Sunday, May 1, 2011

11:00 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.

Minnesota Valley YMCA

13850 Portland Avenue South, Burnsville

952-898-YMCA

11:00 – 11:15 Sign In and get new member cards
11:15 – 12:30 Swimming
11:15 – 12:45 Button making, basketball, floor hockey
12:45 – 1:15 Volunteer Appreciation lunch
1:15 – 1:30 Announcements and Goodbyes

Who can attend? Volunteers/children who are matched and their families, waiting list children and their parent and siblings who live in the household. This is a great opportunity for the children to thank their mentors. *An adult must accompany all children at all times.*

You **MUST** pre-register in order to be admitted.

RSVP by April 25th online at

www.knkspringevent.eventbrite.com

Note: No cutoffs or floatation devices are allowed in the pool. (Life jackets are okay.) Non-marking soles only and no street shoes on the gym floor. Please bring your own towel and padlock if desired.

There will be a donation of a bike helmet for the first 50 matched and waiting children at the event, courtesy of AAA Minnesota/Iowa.



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Fashionista Fashion Show Befitting Kids 'n Kinship

This festive evening will be held Thursday April 14, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at GrandStay's La Grand Event Center, 7083 153rd Street West in Apple Valley.

*Enjoy a Fashion show with all your Favorite Local Boutiques! (6-7:15pm)

*Shop all your favorite Boutiques, Beauty and Jewelry Companies!

*Feast on delicious appetizers and enjoy the cash bar while you see all the new spring colors and styles, being modeled by Kids 'n Kinship participants and others.

Participating vendors include:

Lillian's of Farmington, Mainstream Boutique - Apple Valley, La Belle Boutique - Apple Valley/Burnsville Border, Houndstooth – Savage, Funky Monkey – Lakeville, Indulge Boutique – Eagan, Salon Onyx – Lakeville, Divine Salon - Eagan

Find the perfect gift for mom in time for Mother's Day or something to delight yourself, and be sure to go through your closet before you come: There will be a collection drop-off at the show for gently used purses, handbags, wallets, etc to donate to Clutch For Cause, an organization working with single parents.

Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door, and may be purchased at www.chicksforacause.org

Those interested in being a vendor at the event, providing sponsorship or in-kind Silent Auction donations should contact Sarah at Chicks For A Cause, 651-423-5017 or sarah@chicksforacause.org

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A special thank you to the Berean Baptist Youth Group for their 7th year of doing a phenomenal job of putting together a great donation of Match Boxes!



The Match Boxes are given to the child when they meet their mentors. Included in the plastic keepsake box are a notebook/diary, calendar, pencil, note cards a toy or card game, as well as information on seatbelt safety and handouts for mentors and parents. The children often keep ticket stubs, cards and other remembrances of times with their mentors in the box. We love to see all the items they collect over the months and years they are matched. We are grateful to Berean Baptist church in Burnsville for providing this important service to us! THANK YOU!

Kinship Founder Dies

Bob Nervig, one of the original seminarians who founded the model of Kinship died recently.
www.startribune.com/templates/Print_This_Story?sid=117776603

Save the dates:

Saturday June 4th, Rick Andersons' Bike Sale
at 12738 Ethelton Way, Apple Valley, MN

Saturday June 11th, Welcome Home party for the CEM 900 Bike Ride for Kids at Merchants Bank, AV



Our Ambassadors have been busy –

A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to these people for their efforts in the last couple months:

Jan. 21st: Lanny Stapp spoke at Lakeville Senior Center
Jan. 28th: John Elder spoke at Rosemount Rotary
Feb. 8th: Mary Hagerman, Carrie Peterson & Kathy Beatty represented us at the Eagan Volunteer Fair
Feb. 19th: Mike Zenner, Karen Anderson, Wendy Haroldson, Dennis Hill, David & Roxane Tolle, Karin Anton, Kirsten Storlie, & Leanna Hall represented us at the HOTC Volunteer Expo at the Mall of America
Also, Leanna Hall has gone door to door asking businesses to put up our posters & brochures
And, Kathy Beatty has made “Ask me about mentoring!” buttons for us! Let us know if you want one for yourself or your child/mentee, so we can make them with your name(s) on it.

Spring Mentor Chat Group (Mentors only)

Join us on Tues. April 5th, 5:30-7pm in the Dakota Room at the Wescott Library in Eagan for a mentors only chat group! We will have Lisa Bothun with Children's Mental Health as a guest speaker to address common diagnoses for children and how mentors can support their mentees with diagnoses. Remember, we ask mentors to attend 2 chat groups a year. Don't miss this one! Chat groups are a great way to learn more about mentoring and get support from other mentors as well as staff. Hope to see you there! Please RSVP to Ingrid Henry, ihkinship@aol.com or 952-891-3885.

Match Highlight

Real fun, Rockets and Rewards --Jon and Tyler

Grandmother Jean says it is a really good match – for so many reasons. “Jon is on such an even keel; he is educated; he is nurturing.” Tyler needs someone who is balanced – and Jon is perfect. Jon is so in tune with Tyler as far as likes and dislikes. Tyler loves rockets; Jon had star wars ships he had made when he was younger. Jon gave some to Tyler and Tyler treasures them. They are hanging up on his ceiling. Tyler loves Jon – Jon has taken him to the airport and nature centers; they play chess together – Jon helps open his horizons. Tyler loves visiting Jon’s house and seeing his bird. Jon has skated with him and Tyler thinks it is so great that he is a better skater! Jon is exposing Tyler to so many things he would never know about otherwise. They have had wonderful quality time together the last couple years and look forward to many more. In fact, Tyler looks



forward to EVERY get together with Jon. “Jon is one of the best people I know and the best type of mentor, patient and fun!” says Jean.

Jon thinks very highly of Grandmother Jean too. She is dealing with health issues and is a fantastic caregiver to her grandchildren. She is great about keeping Jon informed about how things are going with Tyler. Jon is busy with his family and his job at 3M, which provides matching dollars for volunteering. Learning is a theme in their relationship. When Tyler showed an interest in hockey, Jon took him to some Gopher games – Tyler learned that if he works hard, he can do anything. Jon enjoys praising Tyler for his school efforts. Tyler has some challenges and Jon is supportive all the way. Jon says one of his favorite times with Tyler was launching the rocket they built –



rocket building was something he enjoyed as a kid and Tyler was more than eager to learn and really got a kick out of it! Jon says mentoring is extremely rewarding – when you put in the effort, share what you know, and see how a kid reacts with enthusiasm, it is very gratifying.

Scrapbooking fans:

Join us for a mentors & mentees scrapbooking session on Sat. May 14th, 1-2:30 pm at the Heritage Library in Lakeville (20085 Heritage Dr.)! To RSVP email ihkinship@aol.com or call 952-891-3885.

Welcome New Matches

Lucy Petermeier and Emily & Elizabeth
Deb Sorenson and Dejanae
Leanna Hall and Elizabeth
Mary Jo Hamann & Rich Geise family and Jahlil
Judy Kurdziel and Iyanna
Carl Tatum and Israel

The Wizard of Oz- Free for mentors/ kids

The Burnsville High School Theatre Guild would like to offer Kids n’Kinship mentors/your family if you mentor together and the child you are matched with free tickets to the preview performance of the spring musical. Check out some photos here: Mrazcenterphotos.com. The performance takes place Wednesday, April 6th at the Mraz Theatre 600 E. Hwy 13, Burnsville, at 7:30 pm and runs 2.5 hours. There will be free concessions to all guests and offer the opportunity to meet and greet with the cast after the show

Register here: <http://knkwizardofoz.eventbrite.com>

**We’re being green and frugal. Our newsletter is being abbreviated – See our online Spring newsletter for more information and the Bulletin Board listing of upcoming events. Keep checking our website, www.kidsnkinship.org, facebook and your emails for additional information.



Winter outing fun at Skateville

